

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:261
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SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS BY MPB TO POWER REGULATOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Maharashtra Power Board has submitted all documents to power regulator-writ forces MERC to scrutinize PPAs' appearing in the 'Business Standard' dated January 2, 2001;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government and the facts of the matter;
- (c) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in regard to the issues raised therein;
- (d) whether the Government have received a proposal from Maharashtra for allocation of Naphtha at import price so as to check the rising cost of power in the State;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the present status of the issues raised by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

- (a) : Yes, Sir.
- (b) : The news item mentions about a petition filed with the Maharashtra ElectricityRegulatory Commission (MERC) pleading for the Commission to analyze and regulate various contracts pertaining to some private sector power projects in Maharashtra and also to make public all such documents. Government of India does not seem to be a party in the matter nor any communication in the matter has been received from the Government of Maharashtra/MERC in this regard.
- (c) : Does not arise in view of the position stated in reply to the above.
- (d) to (f) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.